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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3129

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, CE, ID, IN, MY, RP, SN, SY, TH

SUBJ: SINGAPORE STAND ON PLO STATE CONCEPT

REF: JAKARTA 9658

1. SUMMARY: DURING A THREE-DAY VISIT BY A PLO DELEGATION, GOS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ASPIRATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF THEIR OWN. END SUMMARY.

2. STRAITS TIMES OF JULY 23 REPORTED ON THREE-DAY VISIT ENDING JULY 22 OF A PLO DELEGATION HEADED BY FAROUK ASAD KADDOUMI, HEAD OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT. ARTICLE STATED THAT DELEGATION WAS GUEST OF FM RAJARATNAM, AND THAT IT CALLED ON PM LEE TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM ARAFAT. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE MOHAMED SAID WASFY KAMAL, ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD OF THE PLO POLITICAL DEPT., AND MRS. SALWA ABU KHADDRAH, HEAD OF THE PALESTINIAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL IN KUWAIT  
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AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PLO.

3. A JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED JULY 22 DECLARED THAT "BOTH SIDES REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND EXPRESSED THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ASPIRATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO FURTHER THEIR NATIONAL RIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF THEIR OWN". IT INDICATED THAT FM

RAJARATNAM AND THE QALEGATION EXCHANGED VIEWS ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. MFA OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT NOTHING ELSE OF SUBSTANCE WAS DISCUSSED. OFFICIAL NOTED MFA HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT DELEGATION MIGHT REQUEST PERMISSION TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN SINGAPORE, BUT THE ISSUE HAD NOT BEEN RAISED. HE FELT THIS WAS BECAUSE AGREEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN REACHED TO OPEN OFFICES IN KUALA LUMPUR AND JAKARTA (REFTEL).

5. COMMENT: GOS ACCEPTED VISIT OF DELEGATION UPON REQUEST BY INDONESIAN FM MALIK. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THIS REQUEST WAS MADE TO CURTAIL THE VISIT IN JAKARTA. GOS HAS NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED PLO REPS OFFICIALLY. RECEPTION BY PM MAY BE INTENDED TO STAY ON GOOD SIDE OF ARAB COUNTRIES (ON WHOSE OIL SINGAPORE REFINERIES DEPEND) AS WELL AS SOLIDARITY GESTURE TOWARD MUSLIM NEIGHBORS. HOLDRIDGE

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